Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Appropriateness/relevance of the topic

Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Score
Topic is not	Topic is only	Topic may not be	Topic is current,	The topic is cutting-	
current or is	minimally related to	current or	important, and	edge, relevant or	
not	the field, not	groundbreaking	appropriate to the	significant to the	
appropriate. It	current or	but it is relevant to	field and	field and audience.	
does not	important to the	field and audience.	audience. It	It appears to be a	
appear to be a	field/ audience. It	It may be a	appears to be a	very worthwhile	
worthwhile	may not be a	worthwhile	worthwhile	session.	
session.	worthwhile session.	session.	session.		

Inclusion of evidence-base or theory

Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Score
The proposal	The proposal provides	The proposal	The proposal	The proposal refers	
does not	background references	refers	refers clearly to	specifically to the	
mention	to theory, practice	somewhat to	the relevant,	relevant theory,	
theory,	and/or research, but	relevant theory,	theory, practice,	practice and/or	
practice, or	the references are not	practice, and/or	and/or research	research in a detailed	
research, or it	specific or recent, or	research in an	in a thorough	and comprehensible	
is unclear how	the proposal does not	understandable	manner and it	manner and it relates	
this session is	relate the theory,	way and relates	relates directly	directly to the	
connected to	practice/research to	it to the	to the content.	presentation	
the field.	the content.	content.		content.	

The proposal is completed accurately and clearly and is an indicator of presentation quality.

Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Score
The writing	The writing	The proposal is	The proposal is	The proposal is very	
suggests	suggests that the	adequately written	clearly written and	will written and	
that the	presentation	but suggests that the	suggests the	suggests that the	
presentation	may be poor	presentation may be	presentation will	presentation will be	
may be poor	and/or the	of moderate quality	be of very good	of professional	
and sections	proposal form	and/or parts of the	quality and the	quality and the	
of proposal	was not	proposal form are	proposal form was	proposal form was	
weren't	completed	not clearly	completed	completed accurately	
completed.	accurately.	completed.	accurately.	and clearly.	

Clear learning objectives and outcomes

Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Score
The length and	The proposal	The length, content	The length and	The content and	
content are	content is	and delivery methods	content are	length are	
inappropriate for	inappropriate	are generally	appropriate for	appropriate for the	
the session type	for the session	appropriate for the	the session type.	session. The	
and the delivery	type and the	session. The	The objectives	objectives and	
goals and/or	goals/	objectives and	and participant	participant	
objectives are	objectives are	participant outcomes	outcomes are	outcomes are very	
not clearly	to general or	are stated but may	clear.	clear.	
stated.	broad.	lack sufficient focus.			

Presenter experience/ability

Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Very Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Score
Presenter did not	Presenter has	Presenter has	Presenter has	Presenter has	
provide	little experience	moderate	good experience	advanced experience	
information on	on presenting	experience	on presenting	presenting and is	
past experience	but not on the	presenting but	and on the	considered a subject	
or presentations	presentation	minimal	subject matter.	matter expert.	
on subject	subject matter.	experience on			
matter.		presentation			
1		subject matter.			

The topic is novel, innovative or diverse and/or the presenter(s) contributes to diversity

Poor (1)	Good (3)	Excellent (5)	Score
The topic is old and/or repetitive	The topic is newer but is similar to another presentation.	The topic is original and unique from other submissions.	
Poor (1)	Good (3)	Excellent (5)	
The presenter(s) are already well-represented in the demographics/experiences of presenters for this event and past events.	The presenters(s) contribute some demographic/experiential diversity for the presenter pool of this event.	The presenters(s) contribute a unique, or a great deal of, demographic/experiential diversity for the presenter pool of this event.	

Potential impact

The information provided is useful and usable (is skills-based or research oriented?)

Poor (1)	Good (3)	Excellent (5)	Score
The information is usable or is	The information is useful and	The information is useful and	
repetitive.	usable but may not be skills-	usable with a basis on skills or	
	based.	research.	

Intended audience interest in the topic

Poor (1)	Good (3)	Excellent (5)	Score
No/few people have given	Several people have given	Many people have given	
feedback requesting this topic.	feedback requesting a presentation on this topic.	feedback requesting a presentation on this topic	

For the Annual Suicide Prevention Conference - Does the presenter have lived experience of suicide?

Lived experience of suicide refers to suicide attempt survivors, suicide loss survivors, and those who have experienced suicidal crisis. Lived experience is not required to present. Individuals with lived experience are an incredibly valuable part of the suicide prevention community, and the planning committee seeks to include presenters with that experience.

Suicide attempt survivor YES/NO Survivor of suicide loss YES/NO Other lived experience YES/NO